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Hillel, Dining Services Create New Eatery

Managing a kosher dining center through university dining services is practically unheard of and is new to the University of Maryland this fall.

For 18 years, Roz Kram managed Roz's Place, a kosher eatery located in the Hillel Center for Jewish Life, a private non-profit organization that houses a Jewish center on campus. Kram retired last spring, spurring a search for a new vendor for Hillel's kosher dining hall.

Rekindling a past discussion, Scott Brown, the executive director of the Hillel Center, negotiated with the university president's office, campus Dining Services and the attorney general's office to craft a five-year contract for Dining Services to manage the kosher facility.

Now called The Sabra Deli, the dining facility serves food considered proper by the Torah. These dietary standards have to do with how food is prepared and served. Some basic kosher guidelines require that meat and dairy not be served at the same time, meat not contain any blood and certain animals — those with cloven hooves that chew its cud — must not be eaten. There are further restrictions prescribed by the Torah in the dietary laws of kashrut and some members of the Jewish

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Flying High Again

Grad Students, Faculty Compete in Helicopter Competition



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Members of the winning Maryland team pose in front of the helicopter beside J.M. Patterson Hall. (Left to right) Ron Couch, Felipe Bohorquez, Faculty Advisor Vengalatorre Nagaraj, Jason Pereira, Beeri Nder Singh and Mustapha Chehab. Team members Tracy Duvall and Jacob Park are not pictured.

A team of Aerospace Engineering graduate students won the American Helicopter Society International's (AHS) annual student design

competition, graduate category, for the fifth consecutive time this summer.

The 19th annual competition, sponsored by Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., required

contestants to design an upgrade program for an existing Bell helicopter while keeping costs to a fraction of

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Collaborative Welcomes "Incomparable" Leader

Harris Wofford, a pioneer in the realm of service, both national and international, has accepted an appointment as professor of practice in the Democracy Collaborative at the university. This designation has been reserved for a few distinguished individuals who have demonstrated excellence and innovation not only in the academic world, but also in the realm of civic and public action.

Wofford will deliver the Civil Society Lecture, sponsored by the Democracy Collaborative in cooperation with the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and the Maryland School of Public Affairs on Oct. 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Stamp Student Union. The topic is "How Students can Change the World: Prospects for Democracy in Your Generation." The lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first seated basis.

"Wofford brings to the Democracy Collaborative a combination of skills and achievements that are incomparable," said Gar Alperovitz, one of the collaborative's founders. "His help will be invaluable to us in fulfilling our commitment to strengthening democracy worldwide, through constructive initiatives and innovative partnerships between academic institutions and action-oriented non-profit organizations."

Wofford is currently serving as chair of America's Promise, in which role he was preceded by Secretary of State Colin Powell. Wofford's appointment coincides with the release of "Democracy Studies Front & Center at the University of Maryland," a publication reflecting the university's wide and diverse array of academic centers, programs and projects in democracy studies.

Wofford's commitment to democracy, internationalism, education and service began at an early age, and has defined his life and career. He was an active member of the World Federalists as a teenager, and met his wife, the late Clare Wofford, at a World Federalists conference at the age of 15. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and law degrees from both Howard and Yale Law Schools.

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Maryland Agriculture Still Has Viable Future, Says New Study

The amount of farmland and the number of farms in Maryland have been declining for the last 50 years, but agriculture remains a key contributor to the state's economy and quality of life, say authors of a new study.

Titled "The Economic Situation and Prospects for Maryland Agriculture," the study was conducted for the Maryland Department of Agriculture in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC). The question for the future, according to the study, is whether the decline can be sufficiently stemmed to maintain farming as a profitable economic activity and viable way of life.

Authors of the two-year study see continued reduction of acreage and farm numbers over the next decade, but at a slower

rate than in the past. They are optimistic about the economic prospects for commercial agriculture in the market niches most suitable for the variety of localities in the state — the Eastern Shore, increasingly suburban Central and Southern Maryland and Western Maryland. But it will be important to maintain and introduce policies consistent with both economic success and environmental sustainability.

The 94-page report includes:

1. A review of the facts about the current situation and trends;
2. An explanation of these facts and trends, and implications for the future of Maryland agriculture; and
3. Discussion of policy issues and alternatives for promoting agriculture and helping farmers

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Bringing Citizens and Political Officials Together

Not a debate, not a town-hall meeting, the Recovering Democracy Forum was a unique political dialogue where Congressman Robert Ehrlich interacted with six citizen representatives for 90 minutes. Those representatives spoke for scores of citizens who came together the previous week to discuss the pressing issues facing the state.

On Sept. 22, Republican gubernatorial candidate Ehrlich participated in the first Recovering Democracy Forum (RDF), sponsored by the Department of Communication's Center for Political Communication and Civic Leadership (CPCCL).

Although the event culminated in the public forum with Ehrlich, the larger RDF project of citizen conversa-

tion reflects the CPCCL's commitment to community engagement, dialogue and student involvement.

In creating the forum, the CPCCL's mission is to bring together diverse citizens and political candidates seeking election. For the 2002 event, which showcased the Maryland gubernatorial campaign, the CPCCL partnered with ASPIRA Association, Black Youth Vote, Center on Aging/Legacy Leadership Maryland, University of Maryland, Leadership Maryland, Maryland State Teachers Association, NAACP—Maryland, Prince George's Chamber of Commerce and the Restaurant Association of Maryland. Shawn Parry-Giles, director of the CPCCL, explains that one

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: OCTOBER 1-7

TUESDAY

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1-4 p.m., Juggling Multiple Priorities Management Seminar 1100 ITV, Engineering. A seminar designed for those who have many irons in the fire and need to learn how to keep them all hot. Learn to set goals, set priorities, delegate, empower; make the most of your meetings. Presented by Boyd H. Scheff. The fee is \$45. For more information, contact Gabby at 5-4910 or gabby@umail.umd.edu.

3-5 p.m., Mellon & Javits Fellowship Workshop See For Your Interest, page 4.

5-6 p.m., Meditation Center for Health and Wellbeing, 0121 Campus Recreation Center. Basic meditation techniques to ease everyday stress. This is the first of a six-week series. The cost to continue is \$50. For more information, contact Jennifer Treger at 4-1493 or treger@health.umd.edu.

WEDNESDAY

october 2

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Textual to Spatial Data with ArcView 3.2 (UM Libraries) 6101 McKeldin Library. Covers the conversion of text to geographic information. Free, but advance registration is required at www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html. Prerequisite: familiarity with ArcView. The workshop will also be offered on Oct. 24 and Nov. 12. For more information, contact User Education Services at 5-9070 or ue6@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html.

12-1 p.m., Research and Development Presentation: The Role of Counseling in Promoting Minority Male Success 0114 Counseling Center. Speaker: Courtland Lee, professor, school counseling, Department of Counseling and Personnel Services. For more information, contact Vivian S. Boyd at 4-7675 or vboyd@umd.edu.

12:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., Terrapin Health and Fitness Challenge See For Your Interest, page 4.

1-4 p.m., Management

Just Say Yes to Pie

Dining Services now offers whole pies for sale in several locations around campus on "Friday is Pie Day." The selection will rotate and be based upon availability. Prices range from \$7.95 to \$11.95 per pie. Friday is Pie Day continues through Dec. 20. Pies will be sold at the following locations:

- A.V. Williams Building
- The Dairy (Turner Lab)
- E-M Bakery (corridor between Engineering and Math Buildings)
- Applause Café (Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center)
- Rudy's Café (Van Munching Hall)

For more information, contact Jennifer Pfeiffer at (301) 314-8042.



Seminar: Legal Issues for Managers 1100 ITV, Engineering. Presented by Boyd H. Scheff, this seminar will give information needed to make hiring, promotion and termination decisions legally. The fee is \$45. For more information, contact Gabby at 5-4910 or gabby@umail.umd.edu.

THURSDAY

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12:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., Terrapin Health and Fitness Challenge See For Your Interest, page 4.

1-4 p.m., Communicating Effectively Management Seminar 1100 ITV, Engineering. Learn to communicate with others more confidently and to ask questions that will get others to be open to you. Open to anyone who supervises the work of others. Presented by Boyd H. Scheff. The fee is \$45. For more information, contact Gabby at 5-4910 or gabby@umail.umd.edu.

5-7 p.m., Leonardo's Laptop: A Lecture by Ben Shneiderman 4205 Hornbake. See for your interest, page 4.

FRIDAY

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5-7 p.m., Zephon 1117 Susquehanna Hall. The Department of English and the Milton Seminar present a lecture by Jason Rosenblatt, professor of English, Georgetown University. Pre-lecture reception at 4 p.m. in 3101 Susquehanna. For more information, contact Marshall Grossman 5-3809 or mg76@umail.umd.edu.

SATURDAY

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12-1 p.m., Free Smoking Cessation Class 2101 Health Center. Taught by a health educator, the smoking cessation class meets once a week for an hour over a four-week period. Classes continue through Oct. on Wednesdays from 12-12:50 p.m. and Thursdays from 3-3:50 p.m. For more information, contact Kelly Dolan at 4-8123 or dolan@health.umd.edu.

SUNDAY

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3-5 p.m., I, too, sing, America: Music Inspired by Langston Hughes Centenary Dekelboun Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. In honor of Hughes' 100th birthday, this program includes the area premiere of "Suite Death," a symphonic work for choir and orchestra based on poems by Hughes and composed by Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock. Featuring the Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington, D.C., Inner Light Unity Fellowship, Washington Men's Camerata and the Washington Women's Chorus. Tickets for students are \$5, others \$30. Pre-performance presentation, "Langston Hughes: Dance & Poetry" in Dance Theatre at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Harbison, 5-8169 or harbison@wam.umd.edu, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

MONDAY

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11 a.m.-5 p.m., Symposium

Kosher: Deli-Style Dining

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community follow them to varying degrees. To ensure food is delivered, prepared and served in a kosher manner, a rabbi, known as a mashgiach, overlooks all food handling. As part of the university's contract with Hillel, anyone who works at the Sabra Deli in a religious capacity, such as the mashgiach is compensated by the Hillel Center directly and not by the university to maintain the separation of church and state.

"It's a win-win situation," says Brown. "Hillel can now offer the convenience that Dining Services brings to the students, such as accepting Terrapin Express cards." Likewise, he says he is pleased to see continued support of the 6,000 Jewish students at Maryland, which comprise one of the most significant Jewish student populations among comparable American colleges.

More than 100 students on campus who adhere to a strict kosher diet rely on the Sabra Deli for their daily meals. During the popular Shabbat, or Sabbath meal on Friday nights, as many as 300 students attend the family style kosher dinner at Hillel. The meal is so well attended

that Hillel staff recommends customers make reservations.

"It's very exciting. It is such a healthy dynamic," says Vice President of Student Services Linda Clement about the coming together of people of various Jewish denominations and those from other cultures and religions dining together at the Sabra.

Unlike Roz's Place, the Sabra offers take-out and deli catering, with the typical New York deli as its model. Even the kosher meats are imported from New York.

"The deli aspect is one of the exciting changes to the old kosher dining facility," says Brown. "I think that students and anyone who eats here will be impressed with the high quality of the kosher foods served."

The Sabra is open for lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 12:15-1:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Dinner is available 5-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7-9 p.m. Friday; and 5-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Brown hopes anyone interested in the kosher dining experience will come try it out.

—Stacy Kaper, University Publications graduate assistant

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purpose of the forum is "to foster increased interaction among students from the university and the larger community over the salient political issues that affect us all."

To achieve increased interaction, the CPCCL joined with the Study Circles Resource Center (SCRC), which is founded on the belief that through dialogue, "citizens gain 'ownership' of the issues." To fulfill that mission, approximately 50 citizens and students came together on Sept. 17. These groups identified the questions that Congressman Ehrlich addressed during the public forum last Sunday.

John Landesman and Gwendolyn Whiting of SCRC helped prepare graduate students in the Department of Communication to facilitate citizen dialogues. The SCRC duo also served as the dialogue facilitators during the public forum with the congressman.

Among the many issues discussed were access and cost of higher education, child welfare policies and practices, the criminal justice system and police brutality, prescription drug plans, the state budget deficit and the funding of the Thornton Commission.

Ehrlich identified his top three priorities as health, economic development and transportation. He also noted that education is always a priority for any state government. When asked how he would ensure Maryland's

continued upward rise as a premier research institution, Ehrlich quickly lauded the university's reputational achievements, but also noted that as with all state institutions, some difficult priorities would have to be established in the current budgetary context.

The RDF received high praise from participants. Carl Stokes of Advocates for Children and Youth noted that the use of dialogue during the public forum allowed him to "ask questions in different ways," which led to a more "in-depth exchange." Ellyn Wilder, a communication and government and politics major, called the RDF "both interesting and informative," offering her "a better understanding of many statewide issues."

Congressman Ehrlich expressed support for the process by commenting, "wouldn't it be great for every major party candidate running for president or governor to have this kind of dialogue with citizens?" The candidate's enthusiasm was reflected in his concluding promise that if he were elected, he would "love to come back to campus in six months" to participate in another forum.

The CPCCL is also hosting a public forum for Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Spear Lancaster on Oct. 18 at noon in Skinner 0200. To date, Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend has declined to participate in a forum.

Wofford: Brings Expertise

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He was influential in persuading Martin Luther King Jr. to adopt the philosophy of Ghandi — civil disobedience and not violence — in leading the civil rights movement. He helped Sargent Shriver in conceiving and organizing the Peace Corps in the administration of President John F. Kennedy. He became its special representative to Africa and director of the program in Ethiopia. In the Johnson administration he became associate director of the corps.

National service has been a passion of Wofford's his entire adult life. While serving as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Labor and Industry in the late 1980s he worked with then-Governor of Arkansas Bill Clinton and a bipartisan working group of senators to develop what would become the National and Community Service Act of 1990, signed into law in 1991.

In 1993, as a newly elected senator, he assisted then-President Clinton's task force in both drafting and passing the National and Community Service Trust Act, which created AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National Service.

Wofford's career in the academic world is of equal distinction. He served as president of Bryn Mawr College from 1970 to 1978 and as president of the State University of New York at Old Westbury from 1966 to 1970.

Wofford, who will accept his formal appointment and charge from President Dan Mote at the lecture, commented, "It is clear to me that the University of Maryland is a leader in the nation, perhaps in the world, in offering an education for citizenship — for freedom — to its students. I am deeply honored and absolutely delighted to join this noble effort."

—Sondra Myers

Agriculture: Maryland Farms Hold On

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PHOTO COURTESY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Though Maryland farmland is on the decline, say researchers, its loss can be slowed with preservation and positive economic conditions.

cope with economic pressures and burdens that threaten future viability.

The major factors affecting the profitability of Maryland farms, according to the report, include low economic returns, competition for land with non-farm development opportunities and environmental pressures.

"When it comes to land use, the long-term trend is essentially a pattern of conversion to urban uses," says Bruce Gardner, AREC chair. Maryland has lost farmland at a faster rate than the United States as whole, although the rate of loss has slowed considerably since the 1980s, leaving Maryland with 2.15 million acres of farmland in 2000 as compared with 4 million acres in 1950 and 2.5 million acres in 1980.

State farmland preservation programs — the most successful in the nation in terms of

enrolling acreage — have helped stem the tide of agricultural land loss, but successful agriculture requires more than land preservation. Economic conditions that make possible financial success must exist in order to keep the

Snapshot of Maryland Agriculture:

- 2.15 million acres of farmland
- 12,400 farms
- 150+ crops and livestock products

Snapshot of the Average Maryland Farm:

- Size: 169 acres
- Ownership: individual or family
- Farmer's age: 54
- Net farm income: \$30,000
- Off-farm income: 70 percent of total
- Estimated net worth: \$545,000

next generation of farmers in agriculture, attract new farmers, and encourage established farmers to maintain and improve — not abandon — existing operations.

Among the challenges to profitability are state and federal regulations, especially those designed to protect water quality, that could raise costs and reduce the competitiveness of Maryland farms. Availability of an adequate and reliable farm labor force could also have an impact.

"Given current trends, regulations and policies, it's unlikely that commercial agriculture on a significant scale can survive over the long-term in the most rapidly growing suburban areas," says Gardner. "But given the overall success with which Maryland farmers have confronted a variety of economic threats over the last two decades, as well as evidence that they are already adapting to changing market and policy-driven demands, we project that the industry will continue to decline but only at a relatively slow and manageable rate — losing 40,000 acres and 200 to 400 farms by 2010."

However, Gardner cautions, "Events will depend ultimately upon climatic and market forces that no one can predict or control, and most importantly on local, state and national policies that affect agriculture."

The report is available free online at www.arec.umd.edu/policy. Hard copies are also available, for a nominal fee, by calling (301) 405-0057.

Helicopter: Team Nails Fifth Straight Win

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the price for a new one. Upgrading existing helicopters is of interest to vertical flight companies because of the high costs of building new ones. As a result of their win, the Maryland team received a cash stipend and an invitation to present at the AHS 59th Annual Forum and Technology Display, to be held in Phoenix next May.

Founded in 1943, AHS is a technical and professional society representing the interests of the vertical flight industry. It runs the student design competition to provide engineering students with a practical design exercise and to stimulate student interest in the technology. Competition sponsorship comes from a group of companies in the aerospace industry who take turns sponsoring a specific year. NASA is a major underwriter as well. Teams from colleges and universities around the world submit proposals for the AHS competition.

The Maryland team had seven members: Ron Couch,

Felipe Bohorquez, Jason Pereira, Beerinder Nder Singh, Mustapha Chehab, Tracy Duvall and Jacob Park. Visiting professors Vengalattore Nagaraj of the H.A.L. Company in India and Marat Tishchenko of the Mil Design bureau in Russia joined Inderjit Chopra of the aerospace department as faculty advisors.

The design work for the competition was part of team members' coursework for ENAE 634 Helicopter Design. "We had to improve an existing design of a light helicopter — improving payload capacity, engine efficiency, speed and safety measures," explained team leader Jason Pereira.

"The project was multidisciplinary and everyone got to bring their individual talents into it," said team member Ron Couch. "Since this was a competition, we were able to use our imagination a little more than if it were a real project."

But that doesn't mean they were given carte blanche. Strict guidelines, written into

the competition request for proposal they received from Bell last September, had to be followed.

"We were designing a real helicopter and the judges were real designers who could look at our numbers and make sure they worked," said teammate Felipe Bohorquez.

And "the people judging the final designs were from aerospace companies—Boeing, Sikrosky. Even NASA one year," said Nagaraj.

Beginning last September, the team worked for five months perfecting the design and writing their 100-page upgrade proposal for the existing Bell model 206 JetRanger: the 406 UM-TerpRanger.

This fifth consecutive win not only raises the stature of Maryland engineering, but also allows students the chance to have their work seen and evaluated by design professionals. A new request for proposal is forthcoming and the aerospace department is eager to start the push for win number six.

For Your Interest

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

The Center for Teaching Excellence presents a Teaching and Learning Conversation: Talking About Teaching: Does it Help?

What happens when teaching assistants and practicing classroom teachers are provided with a regular, ongoing opportunity to interact? The Center Alliance for School Teachers (CAST) in the Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies (CRBS) explored this issue with eight teaching assistants and a group of university faculty and local teachers. Their findings have implications for campus training practices and outreach efforts.

The event is presented by Nancy Traubitz, Karen Nelson and Adele Seeff of CAST, and will take place Wednesday, Oct. 2 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. All members of the university community are welcome; light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Mary Wesley at (301) 405-9356 or mwesley@deans.umd.edu, or online at www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/FacRes/CTE/teaching/workshopsconver.html.

Mellon and Javits Fellowship Workshop

Faculty members and student advisors in the arts, humanities and social sciences are asked to encourage their best seniors and first year graduate students to attend the Mellon and Javits Fellowship workshop given by Professors James Airozo and Phyllis Peres.

Mellon Fellowships are competitive merit awards for first year doctoral students in the humanities. Eighty-five awards are offered covering tuition, fees and providing a \$17,500 one-year stipend.

Javits fellowships are for MFA and first year doctoral students in the arts, social studies, or humanities. About 75 awards are offered covering tuition, fees and providing a \$28,000 stipend.

The workshop will take place Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. in 1124 H. J. Patterson Building. For more information, contact Camille Stillwell 4-1289 or cstillwe@umd.edu, or visit www.umd.edu/nso.

A Conversation with Brenda Frese

Brenda Frese has received high praise and numerous accolades during her young coaching career. The 2002 Associated Press National Coach of the Year, Frese has been a head coach for three seasons, accumulating an astounding 57-30 (.655) record, while making amazing turnarounds her calling card.

Coach Frese will be speaking on Oct. 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Rossborough Inn.

Teeing Off for Colleagues



PHOTO BY MONETTE AUSTIN BAILEY

Carlo Colella, director of Facilities Management's Architecture, Engineering and Construction division, follows through on a shot from the 12th hole as part of the Facilities Management Charity Golf Classic. The tournament raises money for the Faculty Staff Assistance Program's Emergency Loan Fund. This year's gift was a record \$5,000. The majority of the golfers are contractors, architects, engineers and other vendors who are involved in construction on campus. Six university teams, mostly FM employees, participated, as did Vice President for Administrative Affairs Chuck Sturtz, former Vice President for Student Affairs Bud Thomas and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Services Pat Mielke.

Reservations are required and cost \$15. Checks should be made to the University of Maryland Faculty/Staff Club, care of Vonetta Franda. For more information, contact Franda at (301) 314-8015, vf14@umail.umd.edu or by fax at (301) 314-1023.

Hornbake Showcase

Ben Shneiderman, a member of the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies and the Institute for Systems Research, will discuss new computing technologies in the Libraries' second Hornbake Showcase event. "Leonardo's Laptop: Human Needs and the New Computing Technologies" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m. in the Nonprint Media Lecture Hall, Hornbake Library.

In his lecture, Shneiderman will guide the audience toward embracing the new computing technologies. He will explain that while the old computing was about what computers could do, the new computing is about what users can do.

The public is invited to the lecture and to the reception and book signing that will follow in the first floor lobby. These free events honor Shneiderman's recent gift of his personal papers to the Libraries.

RSVP for the Schneiderman

lecture to Friends of the Libraries at (301) 314-5674 or kpacker@accmail.umd.edu.

Free International Film Series Begins

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, the College of Arts and Humanities, and the Office of International Programs are co-sponsoring an International Film Series. The films are shown in the newly renovated Hoff Theater in Stamp Student Union and are free. Starting Oct. 2, films will be shown on the first Wednesday of every month. Each film begins at 7 p.m. with a brief introduction by a Maryland faculty member. All films are subtitled in English. For more information, visit www.intprog.umd.edu/film.html. The schedule is:

Wednesday, Oct. 2, Me You Them (Eu tu eles) Introduction by Regina Igel, Department of Spanish and Portuguese. One woman with three husbands under one roof! A comedy of sorts set in northeast Brazil. Portuguese with English subtitles. Dir. Andrucha Waddington, Brazil, 2000, 104 min.

Wednesday, Nov. 6, Show Me Love Introduction by Rose-Marie Oster, Departments of

Germanic Studies and Women's Studies. Dir. Lukas Moodysson, Sweden/Denmark, 1998, 89 min.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, My Friend Ivan Lapshin Introduction by Elizabeth Papazian, Russian Program, Department of Asian and East European Languages and Cultures. Dir. Alexei Gherman, Soviet Union, 1971/85, B/W and color, 100 min.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, Will It Snow for Christmas? Introduction by Caroline Eades, Department of French and Italian. Dir. Sandrine Veysset, France, 1996, 90 min.

Wednesday, March 5, Nine Queens Introduction by Manel Lacorte and Laura Demaria, Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Dir. Fabian Bielinsky, Argentina, 2000, 114 min.

Wednesday, April 4, The Eel Introduction by Gretchen Jones, Japanese Program, Department of Asian and East European Languages and Cultures. Dir. Shohei Imamura, Japan, 1997, 117 min.

Terrapin Health and Fitness Challenge

Are you having trouble getting enough sleep, eating well, exercising and managing stress? Do you have trouble finding balance in your life? Join the Terrapin Health and Fitness Challenge at the Center for Health and Wellbeing, 0121 Campus Recreation Center. This free 6-week self-directed program will challenge participants to join in a variety of activities to help create a healthier lifestyle. Join as a team of 4 and enter to win a free Chipotle burrito dinner. Find out more at one of the following sessions:

- Oct. 2 at 12:15 p.m. or 5:15 p.m.
- Oct. 3 at 12:15 p.m. or 5:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Jennifer Treger at 4-1493 or treger@health.umd.edu.

An October Harvest of Musical Talents

The School of Music offers a variety of performances in October, just a few of which are noted below. All events are held at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For more information on these and other School of Music events, call (301) 405-ARTS.

Tuesday, October 1, 8 p.m.
• **Evelyn Elsing, cello—All Alone: A Faculty Spotlight Recital**

Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m.
• **Larissa Dedova, piano—Faculty Spotlight Recital**
• **University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra**

Tuesday, October 8, 8 p.m.
University of Maryland Symphonic Wind Ensemble